

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

61 An alternate embodiment shown in Figs. 5 and 8 utilizes one or more variant bicycle supports 70 which are secured to either vertical member 16 or elongated vertical portion 42. Such securement is effected wherein support ~~49~~ 70 comprises a hub 72 which slidably receives vertical member ~~16~~ 16a and elongated vertical portion ~~42~~ 42a therein. A quick release pin 74 is inserted into a hole 76 in hub 72 and engages with one of a plurality of mating holes 73 provided in either a vertical member 16a or an elongated vertical portion 42a.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

u2 To secure support arms ~~70~~ 58 to hub 72, at least one pair of grooves 104 are provided positioned 180 degrees from each other along the periphery of sidewall 93. Grooves 104 are adapted to receive sides 88 of a single pair of support arms 58 from one bicycle support 50. In the preferred embodiment, three pairs of grooves 104 are provided, one pair 104a at 90 degrees from openings 96 and 100, the other two pairs 104b and 104c, aligned

at an acute angle to the 90 degree pair. The latter two pairs  
104b and 104c are angled to receive those bicycles which have an  
angled frame (i.e. women's bicycles).

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Please replace the two paragraphs beginning on page 10, line  
12 with the following two amended paragraphs:

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a<sup>2</sup> cont The use of snaps ~~19~~ 19a and wing screws 54 or quick release  
pins 74 allows device 10 to be quickly set up and torn down as  
needed.

One advantage of the use of hub 72 is the ability to utilize  
a plurality of supports ~~49~~ 70. By way of example, in Fig. 10 a  
basketball hoop 150 is shown mounted to hub 72 while in Fig. 11,  
a boat hook device 160 suitable for mounting kayaks or canoes is  
mounted to hub 72. Those skilled in the art will recognize that  
many almost any item can be suspended from device 10 as  
described, including, but not limited to, shelving, luggage,  
clothing and the like.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

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64 As illustrated in Fig. 6, in one embodiment center connector 110 is constructed using an upper piece 116 secured to a lower piece 118 by a nut 120 and bolt 122 combination. However, in the presently preferred embodiment shown in Fig. 7, center connector 110 is a one piece unit. Further, in this embodiment, holes 127 are formed in center connector 110 which area adapted to receive quick release pins 128. Holes 127 are positioned proximate to openings 112 and align with corresponding holes ~~130~~ formed in the end of wall brace portion 46 received within openings 112. Quick release pins 128 provide additional stability by preventing an accidental disengagement, as, for example, when removing a bicycle from device 10.

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